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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJ: LETTER TO DR. A.J.A. ROUX

1. FOLLOWING INTERAGENCY MEETING (STATE, AEC, ACDA) WITH DR. GERALD F. TAPE, US REP TO IAEA, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO HAVE DR. TAPE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR. A.J.A. ROUX, CHAIRMAN, SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD, PROVIDED EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, IF EMBASSY HAS ANY RECENT INFORMATION ALREADY IN HAND ON THIS SUBJECT, AS WELL AS ON QUESTION OF SAG ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NPT, WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A REPORT.

QUOTE DEAR DR. ROUX:

FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSION AT THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, I DISCOVERED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS THE PAPERS FROM THE IAEA PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS HELD IN JUNE, 1972, AND THAT YOUR WASHINGTON EMBASSY WAS RECENTLY GIVEN SOME MORE RECENT SUPPLEMENTARY STUDIES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRETORIA. IN MY JUDGMENT, THE MOST USEFUL NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR INTERESTED SOUTH AFRICAN

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OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH OUR EXPERTS ON SUCH SAFEGUARDS

PROBLEMS. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THEM COME TO WASHINGTON, WHERE ALL THE RELEVANT EXPERTISE ON OUR SIDE WOULD BE AVAILABLE. BUT IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SUCH A MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA, I WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE TO SEND ONE OR

TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE.

I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AS TO WHETHER SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AND IF SO, WHERE AND WHEN YOU WOULD PREFER IT TO BE HELD.

SINCERELY YOURS,
GERALD F. TAPE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO IAEA UNQUOTE

2. PLEASE RESPOND BY RETURN CABLE. RUSH

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